been arranged through recognised institutions to ensure quality control.

However some allegations against some members of Public Enterprises Service Association, which was originally responsible for the construction of this complex are under the investigation of the CBI. PESA now stands dissolved.

Use of Neem production as insecticides

1532. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the neem products have been found suitable for commercial application as insecticides and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether neem products are being made and marketed by any public sector unit, such as Hindustan Insecticides Limited and if so, what are the details thereof including the value of exports made during the last three years, year-wise?

The MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Inspection under Companies Act 1956

1523. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of inspections carried out under Section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956 from 1st June, 1987 to 15th July, 1988;

(b) what is the number of violations under each Section of the Act, detected during these inspections and the number of prosecutions launched; and

(c) what are the reasons for not initiating prosecutions in the remaining cases?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as early as possible.

Rate of Royalty in Crude Oil

1534. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 586 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state:

(a) the rates of royalty for crude oil being paid at present to the concerned States;

(b) whether keeping in view the rising prices of crude in the country, Government would increase the rates of royalty; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The present rate of royalty on crude oil is Rs. 192/- per metric tonne.

(b) and (c) Royalty is fixed after taking into account several considerations including the need to provide reasonable revenue to the States where oil is produced, the extent to which it would add to the price of petroleum products, etc. According to the Oil Fields (Regulation and Development) Act, it cannot exceed 20 per cent of the well-head price of crude oil. The present base price of crude oil, to which the presesnt rate of royalty is related, is Rs. 968/- per tonne There has been no change in this base price since the present rate of royalty was fixed. The next review of the rate of royalty will take into account all relevant factors.

Pro-Rata wages to casual labourers in P&T Department

1535. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pro-rata wages are being paid to casual labourers working in P&T Department; and

(b) whether the same is being considered for the Extra-Departmental employees also; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. The wages are based on the minimum of the pay Scale of regular employees in the corresponding cadre and D.A. as admissible on that pay.

(b) No, Sir. Extra Departmental Employees are part-time employees generally engaged for Postal work in rural and semi-urban areas for a period upto 5 hours a day. They are local residents with other avocations and sources of income to supplement the income they receive as Extra Departmental Employees. Keeping in view the above fatcors, the allowances of Extra Departmental Employees are fixed between minimum and maximum based on their work load.

Reservation of Clerical Posts for ED Employees

1536. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the recommendation of the Committee regarding reservation of clerical posts for the Extra Departmental employees; and

(b) whether this recommendation has been implemented; if so, to what extent and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Vacancies in clerical cadre are equally apportioned between the Departmental and outsiders candidates. Against departmental quota of vacancies. Lower Grade Officials below the clerical cadre (Group 'D'/ Postman etc.) are eligible to compete. Savoor Committee's recommendations was that 20 per cent vacancies in Departmental quota of clerical cadre should be ear-marked for Extra-Departmental Employees.

(b) The matter was discussed with the Staff Side but they did not agree to the proposal as they apprehended that it will affect the promotional avenues of Departmental Employees. Therefore, the recommendation of the Savoor Committee has not been implemented.

Promotional Avenues of ED Employees

1537. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase promotional avenues for Extra Departmental employees; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the number of ED employees promoted to Group 'D' and to the cadre of Postman during the last three years, year-wise and so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Subsistence allowance to ED Employees

1538. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts had agreed to grant subsistence allowance to Extra Departmental employees under 'Pay-off' duty;

(b) if so, what extent this agreement has been implemented; if not, yet implemented, what are the reasons therefor;